

**In the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

1-22. (cancelled)

23. (currently amended) A lockout device comprising:

an inner piece and an outer piece, each of the inner piece and the outer piece having an arcuate outer surface and an arcuate inner surface, wherein said inner piece and said outer piece are telescopically and rotationally engaged such that said inner piece is substantially nested within said outer piece when said lockout device is in an opened position and substantially extended from within said outer piece when said lockout device is in a closed position;

[[a]] an arcuate rail projecting from approximately the center of the outer surface of said inner piece;

[[a]] an arcuate track formed within the inner surface of said outer piece, at approximately the center of said inner surface, wherein said rail slides along said track to provide telescopic and rotational movement of said inner and outer pieces; and

an interlock, wherein said interlock includes a crossmember that engages a portion of the track when said lockout device is in the closed position, wherein said engagement of said crossmember and said portion of the track prevents further telescopic and rotational movement of said pieces beyond said closed position.

24-25. (cancelled)

26. (previously presented) The lockout device of claim 23 further comprising a recessed surface on an outer surface of said inner or outer piece.

27. (previously presented) The lockout device of claim 23 further comprising an opening in a portion of at least one of said inner and outer piece, wherein a portion of an object

secured by said lockout device can extend out from within said lockout device through said opening when said lockout device is in the closed position.

28. (new) The lockout device of claim 23 wherein said arcuate rail extends essentially the length of the outer surface of said inner piece.

29. (new) The lockout device of claim 23 wherein said arcuate slot extends essentially the length of the inner surface of said outer piece.